GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT FROM BODH GAYA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start international flights from Bodh Gaya, the world famous Budhist tourist spot in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the countries for which the flights will be started; and

(c) the time by which these flights are likely to be started?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b)and (c): Air India and Indian Airlines do not have any immediate plans to start international flights from Gaya Airport. However during the recently held bilateral civil aviation talks with Sri Lanka, the designated airline of Sri Lanka has been granted access to Gaya. Commencement of operations is subject to the Gaya airport being ready for international operations by Winter, 2002 and other terms contained in the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two Governments.